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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-17 and 29-31 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6 and 18-28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 January 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/24/06
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

This is the second office action for application number 10/565,733, Adjustable Cup Holder, filed on January 25, 2006.

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Election/Restrictions

Claims 7-17 and 29-31 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on December 20, 2007.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: :2112," "2181," and "21821". Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The drawings are objected to because in Fig. 8, reference number "28" is not referring to the correct element, it appears that "28" should be --272--; reference number "232" is not in Fig. 9 as suggested by the specification on page 12, line 21; in Fig. 10, it appears that reference character "2A" is incorrect and should be --24--; the lead line for "21941" in Fig. 1 is not pointed to a hole; and in Fig. 5c reference number "21886" appears to be incorrect and should be --218B6--. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the

description: in Fig. 1, "218C3," "218C4," "218C5," "21831," "21833," "218C1," "218C2," "218C," and in Fig. 10, "218B'2," "218B'5," "218A'5," and "218A'2". Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "222" has been used to designate both a central hole in Fig. 9 and a stopping portion in Fig. 1; reference character "52" has been used to designate both an outer side in Fig. 10, and another unidentified element in Figs 2 & 4; reference character "21832" has been used to designate both long holes in Fig. 10 and another unidentified element in Fig. 1; reference character "2183" has been used to designate both a lower portion in Fig. 10 and another unidentified element in Figs. 1 & 5C; and reference character "53" has been used to designate both a stirring rod in Fig. 1 and an inner side in Fig. 10. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the

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application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the title of the invention is not on the first page of the specification; on page 10, line 20, "claming" should be --clamping--; on page 10, line 27, --than-- should be inserted after "wider"; on page 11, line 2, "moves" should be changed to --move--; and the phrase "and not loosed as well" in line 2 on page 11 has a grammatical issue.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claim 2 is objected to because of the following informality: in line 2 after "connects" the word --to-- should be inserted. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,729,665 to Posey et al., hereinafter, Posey. Posey discloses an adjustable cup-holder (10) comprising: a bottom (16); a handle (12), a lower end of the handle connecting to the bottom; a horizontally flexible ring (14); wherein the ring and an upper end of the handle are in an adjustable connection for different dimensions of cups; and wherein an end of the flexible ring connects to the handle to form a fixing end, another end of the ring is a free end, the free end is adjustable and fixed on the handle or the fixing end of the ring.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,059,245 to Hermansen et al., hereinafter, Hermansen. Hermansen discloses an adjustable cup-holder (10) comprising: a bottom (126); a handle (20), a lower end of the handle connecting to the bottom; a horizontally flexible ring (22 & 24); wherein the ring and an upper end of the handle are in an adjustable connection for different dimensions of cups; and wherein an end of the flexible ring connects to the handle to form a fixing end, another end of the ring is a free end, the free end is adjustable and fixed on the handle or the fixing end of the ring.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-6 and 18-28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent 547,713 to Courtenay

U.S. Patent 2,839,260 to Jacobi, Jr.

U.S. Patent 2,877,976 to Massari

U.S. Patent 3,458,164 to Massey

U.S. Patent 3,719,305 to Pressnell

U.S. Patent 3,823,907 to Ziaylek, Jr.

U.S. Patent 4,570,835 to Criqui et al.

U.S. Patent 4,756,497 to Lan

U.S. Patent 4,760,987 to Lan

U.S. Patent 4,941,635 to Lan

U.S. Patent 4,997,157 to Sweeny

U.S. Patent 6,105,212 to Wright

U.S. Patent 7,207,538 to Kent-Fawkes

The above patents all disclose various types of holders or clamps for cylindrical objects.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anita M. King whose telephone number is (571) 272-6817. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on (571) 272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Anita M. King/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3632

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